

## Alabama Department of REHABILITATION SERVICES



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## Upcoming event to celebrate universal tool of independence for persons with visual impairments

BIRMINGHAM — An upcoming event in downtown Birmingham will spotlight and celebrate the importance of the white cane to the independence of people with visual impairments.

White Cane Safety Day will be commemorated Saturday, Oct. 19, with a free event organized by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB), the Alabama Council of the Blind (ACB), and the National Federation of the Blind (NFB).

The celebration will begin with the inaugural White Cane Day Walk from the Disability Rights & Resource Center, 1418 6th Ave. N, to Linn Park. Once at the park, festivities will include free vision screenings, recreational entertainment, assistive technology demonstrations, blind and low-vision exhibits, a moon walk, face painting, and blindfolded activities and games.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Disability Rights and Resources Center. The opening ceremony will be at 9 a.m., with activities wrapping up at 1 p.m.

White Cane Safety Day has been observed nationally on Oct. 15 since 1964.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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